

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/814,009

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3-13-2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18 and 21-55.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Examiner's Amendment

1. (Amended by the Examiner) A method for providing improved online access to digital images, the method comprising:

creating digital images for a particular user, wherein said digital images for a particular user are created from a roll of developed film; assigning a claim number corresponding to the roll of developed film; transferring copies of the digital images to a central server by:

transferring lower-resolution copies of the digital images to the central server using relatively-low bandwidth communication, and

subsequently transferring higher-resolution copies of the digital images to the central server using relatively-high bandwidth communication;

requiring the user to input the claim number when requesting access to the digital images;

in response to a user request for online access to the digital images from a browser, transferring said lower-resolution copies to the browser for online viewing; and

in response to a user request for an operation that requires a high-resolution copy of a particular one of the digital images, transferring the higher-resolution copy of that particular digital image to the browser.

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2. (Amended by the Examiner) A method for providing improved online access to digital images, the method comprising:

creating digital images for a particular user, wherein said digital images are upon creation initially stored at a mini server that is in communication with a central server;

transferring copies of the digital images to the central server by :

transferring lower-resolution copies of the digital images to the central server using relatively-low bandwidth communication, and receiving a request at the mini server to transfer the higher-resolution copy of a particular one of the digital images to the central server; and

transferring the higher-resolution copy to the central server using the relatively-low bandwidth communication;

in response to a user request for online access to the digital images from a browser, transferring said lower-resolution copies to the browser for online viewing; and

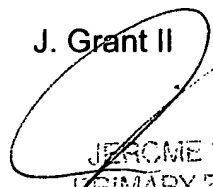
in response to a user request for an operation that requires a high-resolution copy of a particular one of the digital images, transferring the higher-resolution copy of that particular digital image on the browser.

3.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 571-272-7463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore, can be reached on 571-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Reasons for Allowance

1.

Claims 1 and 55 and claims dependent therefrom are allowed for the reasons presented in the arguments found in the March 13, 2006 office action.

Claim 37 and claims dependent thereon are allowed for the reasons set forth in the examiner's communication mailed Dec. 8, 2005.


2.

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